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AMEMBASSY MANAMA

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SUBJ: MASIRAH

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISES THAT SULTAN QABOOS WILL RECEIVE COMIDEASTFOR CROWE, WITH AMBASSADOR, AT MUSCAT PALACE 1100 MORNING OCTOBER 27. THIS COMES AS OMANI INITIATIVE AND WHILE IT MAY IN PART BE GESTURE OF COURTESY, IT MORE LIKELY REPRESENTS DECISION BY HM HIMSELF, HIS EQUERRY TIM LANDON OR FONMIN ZAWAWI TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF RARE OCCASION OF VISIT BY SENIOR US MILITARY OFFICER TO PUT TO HIM QUESTIONS ABOUT USG USAGE, INTENTIONS AND PLANS FOR NEGOTIATION REGARDING MASIRAH ISLAND.

2. SINCE OBVIOUSLY THE RESPONSE ADMIRAL CROWE AND I MAKE TO QUESTIONS ON SUCH TOPICS AS MASIRAH AND RELATED US ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE FULLY IN LINE WITH THOSE GIVEN BY ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON, WE REQUEST EMBASSY MANAMA SHOW COPY OF REFTEL AND OF THIS MESSAGE TO ADMIRAL CROWE PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE BAHRAIN FOR MUSCAT EARLY MORNING OCT 26 ON HIS SCHEDULED INITIAL VISIT OMAN.

3. SHOULD DEPARTMENT WISH PROVIDE ANY OTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS, OR ANOTHER, TOPIC FOR OUR OCT 27 AUDIENCE, CABLE SHOULD REACH MUSCAT MORNING OCT 26. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME LATEST GUIDANCE ON FIELDING POSSIBLE QUESTION FROM HM OR OTHER OFFICIALS REGARDING STATUS OF MIDEASTFOR IN BAHRAIN (OR, CONCEIVABLY, DEPT WOULD WANT

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ME TO PROBE QABOOS ON THIS IN SAME VEIN AS WAS DONE WITH ZAWAWI

OCT 15). WE UNDERSTAND ZAWAWI DUE BACK IN MUSCAT THIS WEEKEND AND
IF SO WOULD EXPECT SEE HIM AT OCT 27 AUDIENCES OR SEPARATELY,
DURING COMIDEASTFOR VISIT.
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